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Packing 'em in



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Fifteen Junior ROTC cadets pack onto a pad during a seven-station competition July 21 at the Keesler NCO Academy. More than 100 cadets from four states took part in the summer leadership school. More photos, Page 4.

A-76 Support services provider decision coming Monday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Monday, a tentative decision is made about who provides support services for Keesler.

At 9:30 a.m. at Welch Auditorium, the base learns whether the provider is the government's "most efficient organization" or a contractor.

The decision comes after more than five years of extensive research, planning and proposals in the A-76 competitive sourcing process. It impacts about 740 civilian and military positions.

Because of limited seating, the meeting is intended for the units directly affected by the outcome — 81st Civil Engineer and Communications squadrons, weather station and 81st Mission Support Squadron flights included in the study.

Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, is joined by Keesler and Air Education and Training Command contracting and personnel officials for the briefing.

Earlier Monday morning, the general notifies Mississippi Gulf Coast congressional staffers and signs a memo informing the president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 of the decision.

Following the announcement, AETC con-

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New security barriers going up at 2 gates

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Beginning Monday, the Meadows Drive Gate is closed about 10 days for installation of anti-terrorism traffic barriers.

Traffic that uses this gate is rerouted to the Oak Park Gate on Bayview Drive, behind the child development center.

Terrorist tactics have made vehicle barriers an essential part for an effective physical security program, according to 1st Lt. Randy Gibbs, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

"These barriers are intended to prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing Keesler's interior," the lieutenant said. "The barriers stop any vehicle attempting

to attack Keesler from the gate, keeping the threat from its intended target."

Four barriers are being installed at both the Meadows Drive and White Avenue gates. The installation at White Avenue begins after the Meadows Drive Gate installation is complete and the bar-

Please see **Barriers**, Page 9

COMMENTARY

Taking personal responsibility is what makes you successful

By Lt. Col. Monica Kopf

336th Training Squadron commander

When we ask around, there are many people who believe personal development, attaining goals, receiving an education, a good job or a meaningful relationship are the standards by which we're measured.

Each stands for all to see; however, we should notice that while these may be significant, the manner in which we arrive at our destination is often more important than individual successes. While many characteristics create the canvas to help us on our way to success, when I see someone who takes responsibility I see a person who is a success.

Responsibility can be defined in many ways. One definition might be acknowledging you're solely responsible for the choices in your life as opposed to pointing the finger at others.

It is always inspiring when someone takes responsibility. Sometimes, it's for a good thing — "I did that!" Sometimes, it's not — "I failed to get that done." A person who realizes they may have fallen short of the mark, but doesn't blame circumstance or other people is someone to be respected.

Each day as we put on our uniform and come to work, we can guarantee we meet the intent of the Air Force core values if we take responsibility. Accepting what we do, or don't do, and the resulting consequences, is vital to being a member of the armed forces.

As we review the core values, we see again how they pertain to another important characteristic, the willingness to take responsibility:

Integrity first — an unfaltering devotion to honesty, truthfulness, doing one's duty and doing what's right. Taking responsibility requires honesty, doing your duty and doing what is right without being told and while no one else is looking.

Service before self — the giving of self to provide for the welfare of others.

Air Force people focus on service in the defense of the nation. The willingness to be responsible for yourself and others within the military and civilian community is a heavy burden.

Excellence in all we do — The standard you should set for yourself. Taking responsibility for your actions is a high standard, one expected of the men and women in our military.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

House students on base

Comment — Why are students who are here for training for four to six weeks placed off base?

Billeting knows about it in advance and should be placing them on base.

Response — The Inns of Keesler's average occupancy is 96 to 98 percent. This makes it very difficult to lodge all guests on base.

Long-term students are lodged on base if possible. Unfortunately, there are times they must be temporarily placed off-base until space is available here. The remaining length of an individual's stay at Keesler determines who is then housed on base.

The Air Force recognizes our lodging shortage and plans to build two new lodging facilities with a total of over 400 rooms, significantly reducing the number of guests who have to be housed off-base.

Where are visitors to park?

Comment — I've seen military and civilian employees use visitor parking spots as their personal parking spots.

Aren't visitor parking spots supposed to be used for short meetings, dropping off correspondence, etc.?

Response — Visitor and other reserved parking is covered in the Keesler supplement to Air Education and Training Command Instruction 32-1001, Base Exterior Sign Program and Building Graphics and the Keesler supplement to Air Force Instruction 31-204, Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision.

Commanders, first sergeants and others approved by the chief of security forces are delegated parking warden authority to issue a Defense Department Form 1408, Armed Forces Traffic Tickets, for parking violations around their duty areas.

If you observe a parking violation, contact the building parking warden to have a citation issued. You can also contact the Security Forces Squadron on illegal parking that presents a safety hazard or impedes other vehicles, including emergency vehicles and school buses.

More family movies, please

Comment — The base movie theater should show G or PG rated movies most of the time. There are a lot of young people, mothers and fathers on base who'd like to have family movies shown. R and PG-13 rated movies shouldn't be shown more than once a week. I'm one of four children and I'd like to go to the movies every weekend, but I can't most of the time because of the inappropriate films being shown. It takes 30 minutes or more to get to the theaters off-base.

Response — About 60 percent of all films produced today are rated R, 25-30 percent are PG-13, 10-15 percent are PG and only about 5 percent are G.

When G and PG movies are available, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service shows them at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Junior ROTC cadets learn leadership skills

From left, Blackbird flight members Jacob Bovatsek, 15, Ridgeland High School, Ridgeland, Miss.; Tia Carter, 15, Raymond High School, Raymond, Miss., and Erica Simmons, 17, West Jefferson High School, New Orleans, La., participate in a team building exercise at the Junior ROTC Leadership School last week at the Keesler NCO Academy. The flight must make it through "mines" without touching them or letting the enemy see water they're hiding for a prisoner of war.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Blindfolded Ken Wells, 16, Crystal Springs High School, Crystal Springs, Miss., drops a ball into a bucket after listening to his Nighthawk flight wingmen give him directions to pick up the balls in the "Midnight session."



Simmons, left, and Dewayne Britt, 16, Biloxi High School, attempt to tie a square knot without any of their team members letting go of the rope as part of another exercise July 21. Both are members of Blackbird flight.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ms. Cline, left, instructs Staff Sgt. Patricia Barlow and Senior Airman Tiffany Nast, 81st SFS, how to escape from wrist grabs.

Security forces learn martial arts defense tactics

By Senior Airman Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Recently, the 81st Security Force Squadron had martial arts defense training at the Dragon Fitness Center.

The Ho Sin Sul training is derived from Taekwondo, Hap ki do and Scientific Integrated Martial System, or SIMS.

The security enforcers learned joint locks and manipulation, take downs, weapon retention and disarming in the four-hour class July 19.

"These techniques and tools help us apprehend people who don't comply with our oral commands," said Staff Sgt. Michael Munyon, fifth-degree

black belt and 81st SFS defensive tactics instructor.

"The training also helps security forces members to become more familiar with the use of force model during peacetime and enhances officer safety," he added.

The class was instructed by Sergeant Munyon; Staff Sgt. Gary Meek, fifth-degree black belt, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Joe Bosse, sixth-degree black belt, New Orleans, La., and Dawn Cline, first-degree black belt, Key West, Fla.

"I really enjoyed the class," said Airman 1st Class Brandon Chapelo. "I learned some techniques that I will definitely be able to use."

Deploying Airmen sharpen skills

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

About 160 Keesler members headed for southwest Asia sharpen their war-fighting skills in a pre-deployment training program, Monday through Aug. 4.

Some fine-tuning to the schedule has been made since the program was inaugurated in April, said 1st Lt. Roderick Dunmore, 81st Supply Squadron. He coordinates the program with 1st Lt. Michael Chavarria, 81st Transportation Squadron.

"We're tightening up the schedule, with no overnight session, so we can complete the training in four days this time," Lieutenant Dunmore explained.

Earlier this year, Air Education and

Training Command directed that its Airmen receive additional training prior to air expeditionary force deployments.

Comments from members returning from deployment indicated that Airmen are being exposed to battlefield situations for which they aren't adequately prepared.

AETC targeted four areas for additional classroom training, over and above existing pre-deployment requirements: M-16 training, increased combat skills, use of force and lifesaving training.

Keesler goes a step further by providing additional hands-on training and practice in all areas.

Medics go to Ecuador for readiness training

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Two 81st Medical Group medics joined 14 Air Force counterparts on a recent medical readiness training exercise in Ecuador.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Thomas Kelly, 81st Dental Group, is a maxillofacial surgeon. Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kenneth Leffler, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, is a urogynecologist and medical director of the women's health services clinic.

The Keesler physicians joined other medics from from the 42nd Medical Group at Maxwell AFB, Ala., 82nd MDG at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio for the trip.

The rest of the team included a dentist, optometrist, dermatologist, pediatrician, two internal medicine physicians, a nurse practitioner, two nurses and five medical technicians.

The team departed May 21 and returned June 4. During the nine-day trip, the team visited three isolated mountainous sites and treated almost 9,300 patients.

The first treatment location, Zumbauha, was high in the Andes Mountains about 50 miles away. It took two hours by bus to reach their destination.

"We traveled along mountain roads at about 12,000 feet," Colonel Leffler said. The scenery was breathtaking.

"The altitude proved to be a bit of a challenge," he said. "We took medication to ward off the side effects of altitude sickness, such as headaches and nausea. Everyone was pretty well acclimated after the first few days."

The third site they visited, Pastocalle, was situated at the base of an active volcano.

The team saw almost half of their patients during the final three days of the exercise.

"That portion was well publicized because the American ambassador and Ecuadorian Air Force Chief of Staff were to visit the site," Colonel Kelly said.

Although the team's presence at the first location hadn't been publicized to any great extent, by the third day there they saw 1,000 patients.

Colonel Kelly commented the most significant medical problem they encountered was parasites — intestinal worms.



Among the 450 patients Colonel Leffler treated were a dozen pregnant women. He used a portable Doppler machine so they could hear their babies' heartbeats.

"A little better hygiene probably would wipe out many of their health problems," he said.

Most patients he saw suffered from severe dental infections and decayed teeth, primarily among the children.

"I also saw a couple of relatively significant (oral) cancers which I tried to refer to treatment centers in neighboring cities," Colonel Kelly said.

The team was assisted by medical personnel from the Ecuadorian Air Force. In addition, several young Peace Corps volunteers and local Ecuadorians acted as interpreters.

"We came home with a healthy respect for what the Peace Corps does," Colonel Kelly said.

As is done for most MEDRETES, the host country provides security for the team for crowd control and to discourage the threat of crime.

"Ten members of the Ecuadorian Air Force were with us at all times," Colonel Kelly noted. "They had their hands full with crowd control at the last site" with the distinguished guests scheduled to visit.

This was Colonel Kelly's first deployment of this type and he's ready to go again.

"If one comes up next week, I'd go in a heartbeat," he said. "It was great



Courtesy photos
Colonel Kelly and the other medics treated nearly 9,300 patients during the nine-day humanitarian mission.

working in an unusual environment. There were no actual medical facilities. We usually used schools, working at desks and using light coming in the windows. I found it personally rewarding. We helped a lot of people and created a fair amount of goodwill."

The colonel brought along a bit of the Coast to share with the Ecuadorians.

"I took Mardi Gras beads with me," he said. "The kids absolutely loved them and a few women actually fought over some of them."

Digital cameras also were a hit with the children.

"The kids were fascinated looking at themselves and others in the cameras," the doctor observed.

Colonel Leffler saw 450 patients, most of them suffering from parasites which he treated with medication. Among them, he encountered about a dozen pregnant women.

"I had a portable Doppler with me so they could listen to the babies' heartbeats," Colonel Leffler commented. He also had pregnancy test kits with him, and several patients were very

happy to learn they were pregnant.

"There was one woman who most likely had breast cancer who I was able to refer to a hospital in the city," Colonel Leffler said. "Although we were prepared to do minor surgery, none of the patients we saw required it. With all the parasite cases we encountered, we ran out of the medication daily."

The team completed its mission June 2, Colonel Leffler said, and arose early the next day to take a bus into the capital city of Quito to fly back to the states.

"We visited a park near Quito which had a mark designating the location of the equator."

This was also Colonel Leffler's first humanitarian mission. He echoed Colonel Kelly's enthusiasm for the deployment.

"It's very effective in what it's designed to do," he commented. "The exercises give Air Force people training which prepares them to deploy, treat patients and return home. I felt very useful. It was a wonderful experience."

334th TRS dedicates new dorm

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

The 334th Training Squadron dedicates Erwin Manor, a new dormitory in the Triangle, 8 a.m. Aug. 5.

The 200-room facility houses 400 students in the 334th TRS. Approximately 500 Airmen are enrolled in the command and control courses at any given time. They train in Bryan and Cody halls.

The students are trained, supervised and supported by 15 permanent-party officers, 140 permanent-party enlisted and 58 civilian employees under the command of Lt. Col. Richard Miller.

The squadron is organized into a military

training flight, support flight, commander's support staff, a detachment located at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and one operating location at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

The new dorm is named for Staff Sgt. Henry Erwin, the radio operator of a B-29 leading a group formation to attack Koriyama, Japan, on April 12, 1945. He received the Medal of Honor for actions that saved his aircraft crew mates during that mission.

Sergeant Erwin's son, Alabama State Sen. Henry Ervin Jr., will attend the ceremony.

Capt. Scott Lamont, 334th TRS, contributed to this report.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Technology show

A free technology show is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Keesler Community Center.

The show features the latest in computers, networking and cabling, panels, projectors, computer-based training, multimedia software, simulation equipment, office data processing supplies and computer furniture.

The 81st Training Support Squadron hosts the event.

For more information, call 888-282-2262, e-mail info@atc-expo.com or visit <http://www.atc-expo.com/shows>.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Parades are 7 p.m. today and Nov. 17.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

Education open house

An open house is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 16 in the education office, Room 130, Sablich Center.

The event is hosted by the education office, in conjunction with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, William Carey College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the University of Southern

Mississippi, all of which have offices on base.

For more information, call 377-2323.

Degree program

A Southern Illinois University representative is available, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 31 in the main hallway of Sablich Center.

The representative has information on a bachelor of science degree in workforce education and development with a specialization in education, training and development. Classes are offered at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., on alternating weekends.

For more information call SIU at 1-850-458-6263 or visit <http://wed.siu.edu/public/> and link to "off campus degree program."

Physical therapy class

Applications are accepted through Nov. 25 at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for the doctor of physical therapy program.

The class begins Dec. 17 at the Health Sciences Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ravin McCray, 377-9630.

Physician assistants

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications for physician assistant Phase I training classes in beginning January, April and August 2007.

Only active-duty enlisted Airmen are eligible to apply.

Completed applications must be sent by military personnel flights and arrive no later than Jan. 27 at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729.

For more information, contact local military personnel flights or education offices or visit the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm>.

Manpower openings

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematics background and in balanced or overage career fields with 4-15 years of service are candidates for retraining into the manpower and organization career field.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

Troops to Teachers

For general information on Troops to Teachers, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

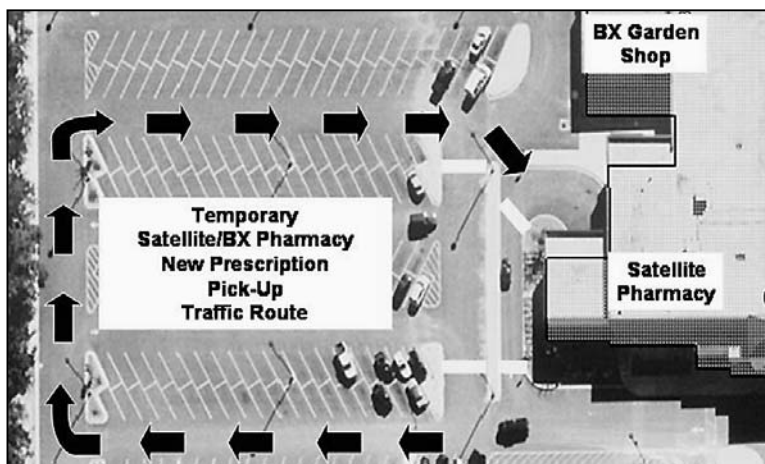
Work study

Part-time employment is available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs people enrolled in college or vocational programs at least 75 percent status.

For more information or applications, call Robin Manson, 377-5149, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Pharmacy renovation starts Monday



Starting Monday, drive-through traffic at the base exchange's satellite pharmacy is rerouted for about 90 days to accommodate customers while the main pharmacy at Keesler Medical Center is being renovated. Traffic runs along the north end of the parking lot and down the east side toward the garden shop to the three-lane pickup area. The satellite pharmacy's hours are extended to 7 p.m. during the project. Prescriptions are activated in the medical center at prescription activation stations near clinic entrances or the outpatient pharmacy lobby. Prescriptions can be picked up at the satellite pharmacy drive-through service about an hour after activation.

BRAC list adds, deletes bases

American Forces Press Service and Keesler News staff

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to add several military installations, including Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to a list for closure or realignment consideration during July 19 hearings in Washington.

The previous day, senior Defense Department officials provided testimony before the commission regarding the merits of keeping open various military organizations.

There was no discussion either day of Keesler Medical Center, which is on the BRAC list for realignment as an "inpatient mission" to a "clinic with an ambulatory surgery center." That recommendation has been challenged by members of Mississippi's congressional delegation.

Retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, a BRAC commissioner, visited the medical center in June.

Installations added to the list are:

Air Force — Pope; Galena Airport Forward Operating Location, Alaska; Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Air Force Medical Command, Bolling AFB, D.C.

Navy — Naval Postgraduate School and Defense Language Institute, Monterey, Calif.; Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine; Navy Broadway Complex, San Diego; Naval Master

Jet Base, NAS Oceana, Va.; Bureau of Navy Medicine at Potomac Annex, D.C.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service — facilities in Buckley Annex, Colo.; Columbus, Ohio; and Indianapolis.

Other — Tricare Management Activity, Office of the Surgeons General Military Departments, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, all in Virginia.

Commissioners also voted not to place several installations on the list, including Moody AFB, Ga., Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, and the Naval Shipyard in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

May 13, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recommended that 33 military installations be closed and 29 realigned out of a total of 318 bases.

A final commission vote on all BRAC-identified installations is taken in late August. The commission sends its recommendations to the president by Sept. 8.

The president has until Sept. 23 to accept all recommendations or reject all of them. Congress has 45 days to accept the president's recommendations or reject them in their entirety. The Defense Department is obligated to act on all congressionally approved recommendations.

Gerry Gilmore, American Forces Press Service, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

New name, new leader

Lt. Col. Paul Farkas takes command of the 738th Engineering Installation Squadron from Lt. Col. Phillip Baca, 8 a.m. today at Maltby Hall.

Effective after the ceremony, the 738th EIS become the 85th EIS and moves to Air Combat Command from Air Force Materiel Command.

Colonel Farkas was previously assigned to the Air Staff at the Pentagon as communications and information chief for the Air Force Combat Support Office. The selectively-manned organization was responsible for implementing the chief of staff's innovation programs.

Colonel Baca, commander for two years, is headed to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he's assigned to Air Mobility Command's A6, a communications unit.

Death notification

Tech. Sgt. Michael Anderson, 81st Training Support Squadron, died July 13.

Any person or persons having claims for or against Sergeant Anderson's estate should call James Taylor, mortuary affairs director, 377-2081.

Phone numbers for SARC team

Keesler's sexual abuse response coordinator hotline numbers are 377-7278 and 697-0562.

Other numbers for the staff are Liz Waters, 377-8635; Capt. Scott Crum, 377-8638, and Jackie Pope, 377-8637.

Fall, winter catalog available

AAFES News Service

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's fall and winter catalog is available at all main stores and online at <http://www.aafes.com>.

The 592-page catalog is valid through Jan. 17.

Authorized shoppers include active-duty military members, military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas and AAFES employees and their family members.

Orders can be placed online or by mail, fax or phone. To place orders toll-free from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam, call 1-800-527-2345. The catalog center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Air show, open house Nov. 5

Nov. 5 is Keesler's first air show and open house since April 2004.

So far, the program includes the Sky Soldiers combat aerial re-enactment team, Army Special Operations Command Black Daggers parachute team, B-25, P-51 Mustang, and F-16, F-18 Super Hornet and T-6 Texan II demonstration teams.

Static displays and ground attractions are also planned.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submission to the Sept. 8 issue of the Keesler News is noon Sept. 1, four days earlier than usual, due to the Labor Day federal holiday Sept. 4.

The Keesler News office is closed Sept. 4 in observance of the holiday.

Decision,

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tracting officials and Keesler personnel representatives discuss the upcoming phases of the implementation process. They remain after the meeting to answer individual questions.

AETC and Air Force Personnel Center officials meet with military members affected by the decision, 2 p.m. Monday at the Keesler Community Center.

Follow-up unit briefings are planned for civilians.

The cost comparison takes place today at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. It determines whether government employees or the commercial sector can provide support services most effectively and economically.

Phil Ehemann, chief of the 81st TRW's manpower and organization flight, serves as the certifying official.

The decision can follow four possible scenarios, according to Linda Clower, Keesler's competitive sourcing chief.

There are two separate packages, commonly referred to as "Big BOS" and "Little BOS." Big BOS covers most support taskings. Little BOS covers communications functions and is set aside for small business bidders.

Both packages could be awarded to the MEO or contractors or they could be split.

Shuttle buses run from Sablich Center's west parking lot and the 81st CES building to the auditorium at 8:45 and 9 a.m. and return following the meeting.

Barriers,

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riers there fully operational.

The barriers, which can withstand a blow from a 15,000-pound vehicle traveling at 50 mph, pop up to a height of 3 feet, 3 inches, are about 9 1/2 feet wide and 8 feet deep. When inactive, they lay flat and flush with the road in an 18-inch-deep pit.

The height of the barriers is such that most cars hang up on their undercarriage, even if

the front axle gets beyond the barrier, Lieutenant Gibbs explained.

They're activated by security forces once a threat is identified by remote control from the entry control facility, and are in place in less than three seconds. There's a safety loop surrounding the barrier to prevent mishaps once they're in place, according to Lieutenant Gibbs.

"The barriers are installed 200 feet behind the gate entrance to keep potential threats away from Keesler's

critical assets," he said.

"First Lt. David Mays, Senior Master Sgt. Daryl Seeman and Master Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson (from the 81st Security Forces Squadron) were the driving forces to get these barriers on Keesler; without them, there would be no barriers here," Lieutenant Gibbs added.

Each barrier costs roughly \$70,000, and Keesler has eight.

Every other Air Education and Training Command base is also getting barriers.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Deployment checklist

Physical condition — Pursue a regular exercise program of cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and endurance training. If your shots aren't up to date, call immunizations, 377-6543.

Training requirements — See your unit deployment manager for these training schedules: chemical warfare, combat arms, self aid and buddy care. Update your training records.

Deployment documents — For current uniform identification cards, visit or call pass and registration, Room 124, Sablich Center, 377-3893. For current dog tags, visit or call the military personnel flight, Room 127, Sablich Center, 377-7107. For current Geneva Convention cards for medical personnel or chaplains, see your unit deployment manager or visit or call the 81st Mission Support Squadron, Room 125, Sablich Center, 377-2276. Have a copy of your current leave and earnings statement.

Your bags — Pack personal/mobility bag, tools and team equipment/cargo.

Family concerns — To process wills and powers of attorney, visit or call the legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 377-3510. If you and your spouse are both vulnerable to deploy, prepare a dependent care statement, Air Force Form 357. For a family readiness plan, visit or call the family support center, Room 130, Sablich Center, 377-8628.

Long-term care insurance

For information on the long-term care insurance program and how to enroll, go online to <http://www.ltcfeds.com> or call 1-800-582-3337 or TDD 1-800-843-3557, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Out-process in uniform

Military members are required to be in uniform when reporting to the military personnel flight for permanent change-of-station, separation or retirement out-processing briefings.

For more information, call military personnel flight outbound assignments, 377-2244.

Keesler Contact Center

The Keesler Contact Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days in the customer service office, Room 125, Sablich Center.

Computers and phones telephones provide a direct link to the Air Force Contact Center at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for inquiries about identification cards, TRICARE, family care, leave, career enhancement, employment, training, relocations, special programs, retirement and separation.

The AFCC Web site is <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The AFCC can also be contacted 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays by calling DSN 665-5000, 1-210-565-5000 or 1-866-229-7074, e-mailing contact.center@randolph.af.mil, fax DSN 665-1239 or 1-210-565-1239, or mail to HQ AFPC/DPSFC, 550 C St. West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.



MILITARY JUSTICE

7 Keesler students receive Articles 15 for alcohol offenses

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Seven technical training students at Keesler received Articles 15 in June for alcohol-related offenses.

Two each of the seven are assigned to the 334th, 335th and 336th Training Squadrons and one to the 338th TRS.

From the 334th TRS:
An airman basic forfeited \$617 pay per month for two months for underage drinking. Forfeiture of pay in excess of \$675 for one month was suspended until Dec. 7.

An airman basic was reprimanded and forfeited \$617 pay for underage drinking.

From the 335th TRS:
An airman basic forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months for underage drinking and visiting a motel without proper advance approval.

An airman was reduced to airman basic, reprimanded and ordered to perform seven days of extra duty for lending

a state driver's license to another Airman. The reduction in rank was suspended through Dec. 15.

From the 336th TRS:
An airman first class assigned to Detachment 2, Fort Meade, Md., was reprimanded and forfeited \$339 pay for providing alcoholic beverages to minors, failing to adhere to posted curfew as required by Air Education and Training Command while in Phase II status and possessing and consuming alcohol in the dormitory.

An airman basic was reprimanded and forfeited \$288 pay for underage drinking.

From the 338th TRS:
An airman basic was sent to correctional custody for 30 days and forfeited \$617 pay per month for two months for driving under the influence.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

**Drinking and driving
— deadly combination.**

OneSource offers face-to-face counseling

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force, as part of a larger effort within the Department of Defense, offers Airmen a professional, private, face-to-face counseling as part of the Air Force OneSource program.

"Air Force OneSource is part of the total system of support that is available at all Air Force bases," said Brenda Liston, Air Force family matters chief. "It is available to active duty, Reserve and National Guard members, whether they are activated or not."

The OneSource program has been available for more than a year now and provides Airmen and their families with information and referral services for education, medical, financial, deployment, return and reunion issues. This month, the program was expanded to include face-to-face counseling services for Airmen and their families.

The program makes free counseling services available to help Airmen and their families deal with marital and relationship problems, deployment or redeployment stress, grief and other nonclinical issues.

"This even includes couples counseling for Airmen (who) are single and having relationship issues," Ms. Liston said. "It is easily accessible for our Air Force people dealing with family issues such as returning from deployment, reintegration, grief counseling, couple's concerns or any number of issues a couple, an Airman or a family member would like to speak with a counselor about."

Any active-duty Airman, reservist or guardsman or their immediate family members can access the service, Ms. Liston said.

"It is available to anyone carrying a military identification card — family or Airmen, active or reserve, activated

or not," she said. "Even if you aren't married, you can take your nearest and dearest to talk with a counselor about relationship issues."

Airmen who want to take advantage of the service need only call the Air Force OneSource telephone number to talk to an online consultant. The consultant takes demographic data from the Airman, make an assessment of the issue he has, and then helps the Airman choose the best course of action. The service can also be accessed by visiting local family support centers.

If counseling is needed, a consultant helps the Airman set up an appointment with a licensed civilian counselor in the local community. The service comes at no cost to service members and their families, and Airmen are entitled to up to six counseling sessions per issue.

Counseling services are available

for nonclinical issues only, however. The service doesn't handle medical issues involving alcoholism, depression, drug abuse or abuse in the family. In such cases, Airmen are put in contact with appropriate military agencies.

The service also has an obligation to report instances of drug use or physical abuse to the authorities. In all other situations, Ms. Liston said, Airmen can expect the same level of privacy they would with base agencies.

Air Force OneSource is available anytime by phone at 1-800-707-5784 or collect at 1-484-530-5913. The program is also available in Spanish at 1-800-375-5971 and to hearing impaired, 1-800-346-9188.

Airmen may also visit the program at <http://www.airforceonesource.com>. The site requires customers to log on by using "airforce" as the user ID and "ready" as the password.

Disposition of remains designation no longer voluntary for troops

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Two sad cases recently highlighted the need for service members to designate who should receive their remains if they are killed in action.

The Defense Department has changed the Record of Emergency Data Form — DD Form 93 — to require service members to designate exactly who should be declared the “person authorized to direct disposition” of remains.

The change grew out of the cases of a Soldier and a Marine killed in Iraq earlier this year. In both cases, the men — both unmarried — had not designated a person authorized to direct disposition, and their parents were divorced.

“The tragedy of loss in the two cases was compounded for the surviving parents

because neither one was granted sole custody of the service member when they were divorced,” said John M. Molino, the deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

Mr. Molino made the statement in letters to California Rep. Sam Farr and Nevada Rep. Shelley Berkley.

With no one specified as to whom should receive their remains, the services followed long-standing rules. In these cases, the older parent received the remains. In the Soldier’s case, burial was delayed for weeks until a court ruled on the situation. The Marine’s case is still pending.

Previously, service members could volunteer information on persons authorized to direct disposition of remains. The change makes that information mandatory.

RETENTION CORNER



Photo by Michelle Freeck

Master Sgt. Gaynell Smith, left, 81st Training Wing legal office, goes over forms with Staff Sgt. Mary Pope, 81st TRW. Sergeant Smith is the noncommissioned officer in charge of claims. As a paralegal, she ensures claimants are paid for missing and damaged items resulting from a permanent change of station moves. Sergeant Smith is from Hartford, Conn., and first entered the service in 1985. She re-enlisted June 20. She enjoys coaching her children in sports and plans to be a law office manager.

81st MDOS gets new commander

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) Leon Kundrotas assumed command of the 81st Medical Operations Squadron Tuesday in the Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) James Dougherty, 81st Medical Group commander, served as the officiating officer.

Colonel Kundrotas comes to Keesler from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom, where he served as chief of the medical staff for the 48th MDG.

The 81st MDOS has more than 550 medical professionals assigned in the pediatric, medical services, internal medicine, family practice, emergency services, medical genetics and life skills flights.

Certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the colonel earned an undergraduate



Col. Kundrotas

degree in biological sciences from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., in 1973, a master's degree in anatomy and physiology from the University of Louisville, Ky., in 1975, and a medical degree, also from Louisville, in 1978.

Colonel Kundrotas was in private practice for two years as a general internist before

completing a fellowship in gastroenterology in 1985 at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He entered the Air Force in 1987.

His first assignment was on the teaching staff of Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. In 1990, he was deployed to RAF Little Rissington, U.K., in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Since then, he's held staff positions at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, Germany; and Andrews AFB, Md.; before being transferred to the 48th MDG.

He's served as the consultant to the Air Force surgeon general for gastroenterology and was a first responder to the Pentagon on 9/11.

Colonel Kundrotas succeeds Col. (Dr.) Thomas O'Donnell who relinquished command and retired June 6 after 22 years of service.

Sexual abuse
response
coordinator
hotline numbers —
377-7278
and 697-0562.
Office numbers —
377-8635,
8637 and 8638.

Surplus family housing in bulldozer's path

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Starting next month, walls are tumbling down in base housing.

The leveling of 232 excess units — 147 structures — in three military family housing areas begins in August. The work should be completed next June, according to Don Kinman, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron community planner.

"All of these units are surplus to

Keesler's needs and are not part of the base's housing privatization plans," he said.

The \$2.95 million demolition contract removes 134 units in south Harrison Court which have been vacant for several years. The project also clears 62 old units in south Pinehaven and 36 homes in south Oak Park adjacent to Keesler Medical Center.

"The Oak Park houses don't meet current housing standards for a variety of

reasons," said project manager Don Ruth. "We have a follow-on project in design to remove Oak Park units in the flood plain and near the runway's clear zone."

A Thrower Park home was recently torn down because of termite infestation.

Keesler turns over all of its military housing to a private developer by the end of 2006. About 1,067 homes will be brought up to Air Force standards, operated and maintained for 50 years by the developer.

Base phone
directories
are available online
at [https://
www.mil.keesler.af.mil](https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil).
Click on
"phone directory"
to bring up
a quick reference.
For organizational
listing,
click on "listing,"
then "organizational."
For more information,
call public affairs,
377-2783.

Personnel leader kept on his toes by joint-service job

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Bear hugs from his kids, daytime temperatures below 90 degrees and ice-cold beer — these are the creature comforts Maj. Douglas Mullins is missing the most during his deployment to Iraq.

One thing he's learned at the halfway point of his assignment is that it's possible to learn to ignore the sounds of gunfire.

Major Mullins, commander of the 81st Mission Support Squadron, left in April for his first deployment of his 16 years in the Air Force. His current title is Deputy J1 for the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq.

"A joint staff is structured using a numbering system — 1 is manpower and personnel, 2 is intelligence, 3 is operations, 4 is logistics and so on," the major explained.

The organization is a mixture of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps members and representatives from nine coalition countries. The bulk of the force is provided by the Army Reserve's 98th Division.

Major Mullins remarked that the interaction with the other services has been the most rewarding part of his deployment duties so far.

"We provide personnel support for the deployed members of the command, about 1,300 personnel spread throughout Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait," he noted. "We also work with the Iraqi Ministry of Defense to rebuild its personnel systems."

Major Mullins is stationed at Phoenix Base, a forward operating base housed in a former private elementary school for children of Baathist party leaders.

"We're located within the international zone, directly next to the Ministry of Defense," he said. "Our job is to equip, train and mentor the Iraqi security forces, both military and civilian police."



Major Mullins

The most challenging part of the deployment for the major is the long hours.

"Working seven days a week, 12 to 14 hours a day is very tiring," he admitted.

The major said hot, dry weather is the norm this time of year.

"The normal day is around 110 degrees — the highest I've seen is 124, but the veterans tell me to expect 130 before I depart," he pointed out.

Major Mullins lives in a comfortable, air-conditioned two-bedroom trailer. Two people share each bedroom. The base has good gyms, pools and an Internet café.

"The dining facilities are very good," he commented. "The one where I have breakfast is in the Presidential Palace."

The major said patience and creativity are required to deal with language barriers, "especially with the Australians. That's just part of the assignment — our guards are from Fiji, the guards at the embassy are from Nepal."

Major Mullins looks forward to reuniting with his wife, LeAnne, and his sons, 18-year-old Seth and 8-year-twins, Scott and Tim, in early September.

"And I'm looking forward to seeing Keesler again," he added.

Recycle for better tomorrow

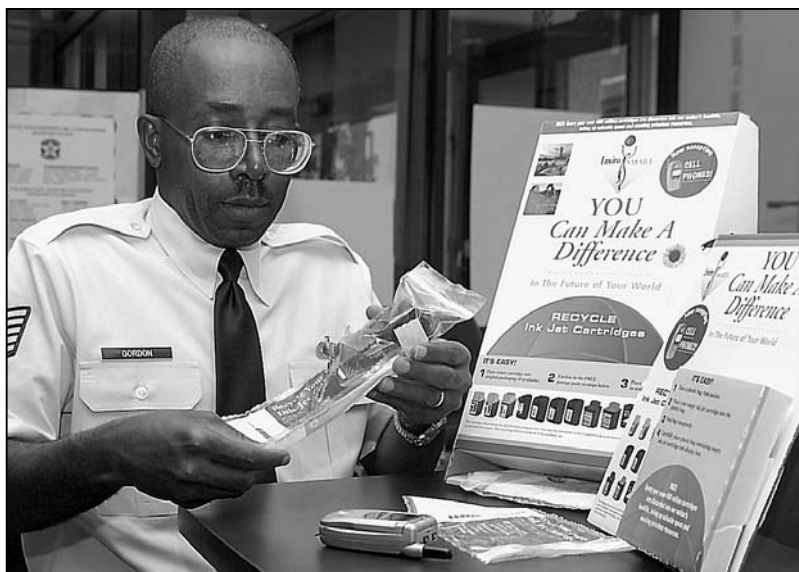
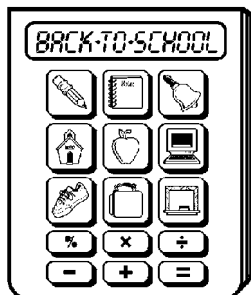


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. David Gordon, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares a cell phone to be recycled in the 81st CES orderly room. Currently there is one other station on base to recycle unused cell phones and ink cartridges at the base exchange. At both stations, a person obtains a postage-paid recycling envelope, drops the unwanted phone or cartridge into the envelope, then mails it. For more information, call Charlie Biondo, 377-5803.



Coast prepares for school start

Students living in Keesler's military family housing areas attend Biloxi public schools.

For questions about school zones, call 374-1810, extension 126. For students entering Biloxi schools from a home-schooled or unaccredited educational setting, call 374-1810, extension 125, for pre-registration instructions.

School starts Aug. 4, but students not registered by Friday can't start classes until Aug. 8. Late registration packets are picked up Monday through Aug. 4 and returned Aug. 5 for processing.

Students in parts of north Biloxi attend Harrison County schools, but may go to Biloxi schools on a tuition basis.

For other school districts:

Gulfport — for school zone assignments, call 865-4613. Classes begin Aug. 4. For more information, call 865-4600 or visit <http://www.gulfportschools.k12.ms.us>.

D'Iberville and other Harrison County schools — registration 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays until school starts Aug. 4; 539-6500; <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>.

Jackson County — registration 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today and Friday; school starts Aug. 4; 826-1757; <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us>.

Long Beach — registration 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. until school starts Aug. 5; 864-1146; <http://www.lbsd.k12.ms.us>.

Ocean Springs — registration 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until school starts Aug. 4; 539-6500; <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. First-graders must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1.

KEESLER NOTES

Promotion ceremony

A noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. today at the Keesler Community Center.

Uniform for those being promoted and speakers is service dress.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Boyd, 377-2027.

Preschool sign-up

Today is the deadline to sign up for the part-day preschool program that starts Aug. 8.

Parents may enroll their children ages 3-5 in the program by stopping by the child development center and completing an Air Force Form 2606.

Children are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays through working Fridays. The program fee depends on family income.

For more information, call the child development center, 377-2211.

Sod available

Sod is available at the self-help store for occupants of family housing, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 377-5397.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. today, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center

and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

Hurricane guides

Hurricane guides are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Keesler News office, Room 113, Taylor Logistics Center, 517 L Street.

For more information, call 377-4130, 3163, 7340, 3837 or 9966.

Case lot sale

A commissary case lot sale is Sept. 2-3.

Featured items include paper products, canned goods, assorted drinks, pet foods, cleaning products, snacks, baking goods and cereal.

Fraud, waste, abuse

The inspector general's

office is the focal point for the fraud, waste and abuse program.

Report suspected incidents in person to the inspector general's staff or call the fraud, waste and abuse hotline, 377-7053. The anonymous hotline is available around the clock.

The inspector general's office is in Room 106, 81st Training Wing headquarters.

For more information, call 377-3010.

Open house booths

Squadrons interested in having food booths at the open house Nov. 5, send representatives to planning meetings, 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the marina.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Retiree opening

The retiree affairs office has an opening for a new director.

For more information, call Gary Schafer, 377-7964.

Logo contest

The African-American Heritage Committee is sponsoring a logo-designing contest.

Participants develop a drawing depicting the theme, "Celebrating community: A tribute to black fraternal, social and civic institutions."

The winner receives a cash award and ticket to the AAHC luncheon. The deadline for entries is Dec. 9.

For more information, call Minnie Gray, 377-7001, or Pamela Tunstall, 377-4212.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Wrong direction



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Tim Cothorn, left, 336th Training Squadron, watches as Josh Linder, 338th TRS, records an out in foul territory during a playoff game July 21. The double-elimination tournament game was suspended due to inclement weather. The championship game was scheduled for Wednesday. Next week's Keesler News will have a complete wrapup of the title game.

Youth center hosts 'Cowboy Day' today

By Senior Airman Lee Smith
Keesler News staff

The youth activities center hosts an event to help promote a rodeo coming to town next month.

Members from the Klein Brothers Professional Rodeo team are here from 1-4 p.m. today for "Cowboy Day." The event promotes the rodeo at the fairgrounds in Gulfport Aug. 19-21.

There will be a clown, petting zoo, stick

horse races and mini-bull. They'll be giving away tickets to the rodeo at each of the shows, which are for children ages 3 and up.

Tickets are \$10 for the rodeo's Aug 19-21 performance. Aug. 19 is Military Appreciation Night and military members receive a discount on tickets.

For more information, call Thomas Golden, commercial sponsorship coordinator, 377-1597.

Keesler member leads women's softball team

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A Keesler member coaches this year's Air Force women's softball team at an annual armed forces tournament.

William Hardy, 81st Training Wing military equal opportunity, head coach.

The Air Force women's team, runner-up in 2004, looks to take back the championship it held for the previous two years.

This year's tournament is Aug. 24-27 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Hardy said he's excited to be representing the Air Force at the annual event once again.

"This is my fourth year of coaching the Air Force women's team," said Hardy. "I have an assistant coach coming in from Osan Air Base, Korea, and I am really looking forward to working with him, as well as the team."

Hardy has extensive experience in softball.

"I started playing at my first assignment at Linsday Air Station, Germany, 23 years ago," Hardy said. "I have been involved at all levels of softball since: the base softball team here, as well as Anarka Air Base, Turkey, and Ramstein AB, Germany."

The team hasn't been set yet, as tryouts are held Aug. 5-21, also at Peterson; however, that hasn't stopped Hardy from establishing a goal for this year's team.

"The gold medal," he said. "That is all we work toward for four weeks and the silver medal will not be acceptable. Looking at the faces of our team as the Army accepted the gold last year did not leave a good feeling with me."



Hardy

He said he has already been in contact with a few of the players, and they're giving him a good vibe.

"The players seem to be very excited, so that gets me excited as well," he said. "The phone calls and e-mails I have been receiving have been very uplifting."

Hardy says he expects his players to give it their all, just like he does when he plays.

"I'm bringing a winning attitude which is what is needed when playing nine games in three days," he said. "It's my job to get the ladies ready to play the best the other services have to offer, and accepting those silver medals a year ago was a difficult pill to swallow."

He said he's both excited and nervous about the team.

"Right now, we have only four players coming back for this year's team," he said. "I have 31 ladies coming in and I have to choose the best 15 to represent the Air Force. That's a lot of players who I have never seen play and must make a judgment as to whether they can play against the best of the other services. "My hope is that I choose the best talent so that we can bring back the softball championship to the Air Force again."

Safe camping is enjoyable camping

AETC safety office

As the summer months continue, many people turn to camping for recreation. The key to enjoyment is keeping campsites safe.

Safety sense should tell you to bring a map, compass, lighter, insect repellent, snake bite kit, first aid kit, sturdy hiking boots and enough water, nonperishable food and warm clothing for your stay.

However, safety problems can arise even with the best-laid plans.

Your tent could catch fire from the embers of your campfire or camping stove, a knocked-over lantern or a carelessly thrown match or cigarette.

Never light a fire inside a tent. If you're in the tent, get out as fast as you can, but be careful to quickly brush off any pieces of burning fabric.

Once outside, collapse the tent and stamp out any remaining small flames.

Don't attempt to stamp out a large fire, since your clothing may catch fire.

If the tent doesn't have an attached ground cover, try grabbing it by the end furthest from the fire and pulling it clear of your equipment inside.

Pour water over the entire area, even after the fire is out.

Be especially careful to keep flames from any foam



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Karen and Buford Blish look at camping equipment at the base exchange June 9. Blish is a Navy trainee. Among the items to look for are first-aid kits, sleeping bags and tents.

rubber or plastic, since these can give off poisonous fumes.

If you have to get out of your sleeping bag in a hurry, don't waste time trying to find and unzip the sleeping bag's zipper.

Instead:

Sit up and push the sleep-

ing bag down to your waist.

Lie back down, lift your hips off the ground and push the bag down.

Sit up again and pull your knees up to your chest as you push the bag over them, down your legs and off your feet.

SCORES AND MORE

Adverse weather

If weather is doubtful, the sports director or designee decides if the scheduled games take place no later than 3 p.m. If weather becomes a safety issue after 3 p.m., then the officiating crew makes the decision at 6 p.m.

Basketball

Varsity team — men's tryouts are 6-8 p.m. now through Aug. 12, Blake Fitness Center. The Dragons are defending Air Education and Training Command, Southeastern Military Command and Martin Luther King, Jr. tournament champions. For more information, call Jesse Harris, 377-8353.

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Hook up to bowling — 1 p.m. Sept. 3 orientation. Class 1-2 p.m. Saturdays beginning Sept. 10 for six weeks. For ages 17 and younger. Cost is \$69. Space is limited.

Winter league registrations — are being accepted now for adults and youth.

Youth bowling discount — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays. Teens bowl four hours for \$5.

Half price for Navy Seabee personnel — Tuesdays.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Cheerleading

Tryouts — for the Keesler Dragons Varsity Spirit Squad, 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Blake Fitness Center. Those selected cheer for the men's and women's basketball teams. For more information, call Courtney Wallace, 432-3151 or (229) 229-0323.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Mini triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Aug. 26. Swimming, cycling and running. All events begin and end at the Triangle Pool. Cost is \$5. Sign up

by Aug. 19. For more information, call 377-7858.

Fitness center equipment orientations — 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays at Blake; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Dragon; and 2 p.m. Thursdays at Triangle. No appointment necessary.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides physical for students. Call TRICARE, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout. For more information, call 377-4409.

Dragon Fitness Center

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only. Call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months-7 years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Flag football

Tournament — Barksdale Air Force Base, La., football team hosts a flag football tournament, Aug. 27-28, Tinsley Sports Complex, Bossier City, La. Cost \$240 a team. Game play is eight-man, no-contact. Trophies awarded to the top three teams. Deadline for entries is Aug. 23. For more information, call Aubrey Williams, DSN 781-3894, or e-mail aubrey.williams@barksdale.af.mil.

Coaches meeting — 1:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 11, Vandenberg Community Center. This is also the deadline for letters of intent. Games are scheduled for Sept. 6 or 7 based on the number of teams participating this year.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Senior leadership golf outing — 7 a.m. Aug. 6. Cost is \$24 for O-3 and below; O-4 and above is \$26. For more information, e-mail randy.coats@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Club annual member golf tournament — Aug. 19. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. \$35 for members and guests, \$45 for non members. Prizes, free food and beverages.

Non-prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 377-3186.

Pavilions — one air conditioned pavilion and several outside pavilions are available for group get togethers.

Discs for disc golf — available for purchase or rent.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet, \$50 per month; 20-50 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Power, water included.

Camping packages available for rent — with sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays, down Fridays. \$40.

Dinner cruise — with a choice of days. \$40 per person.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — \$650 for a maximum of six people.

August fishing tournament — weigh the largest red drum at marina and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Pool parties at base pools — for more information, call 377-3568.

Softball

Playoff tournament results

July 18 — 338th TRS-A 9, CNATTU 6; 81st TRSS 17, 403rd Wing 6; 81st CES-A 11, Firefighters 5; 335th TRS-B 12, 81st MDSS 3; 81st MDOS 19, 335th TRS-A 8; 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 15, 333rd TRS 0; 336th TRS-A 15, 81st CS 5; 81st MSGS 23, 738th EIS 20.

July 19 — 333rd TRS 14, 81st CS 4; 81st MSGS-A 11, 81st MDOS 10; 738th EIS 22, 335th TRS-A 11; CNATTU-A 6, 81st MDSS 5; Firefighters 14, 403rd Wing 7; 338th TRS-A 14, 335th TRS-B 7; 81st CES-A 28, 81st TRSS 6; 336th TRS-A 17, 336th TRS-A 12.

July 20 — 335th TRS-B 9, 738th EIS 5; 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 22, Firefighters 8; CNATTU-A 13, 81st MDOS 3; 333rd TRS 16, 81st TRSS 6; CNATTU-A 12, 333rd TRS 2; 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 20, 335th TRS-B 15.

Swimming

Bay Breeze pool — open daily noon to 6 p.m., except Tuesdays.

Main pool — open daily noon to 5:30 p.m. except Mondays. Lap swimming is available during normal hours.

Triangle pool — open daily noon to 7 p.m. Lap swimming is available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — taekwondo, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 05-E

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airman Timothy Todd.
81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Michael Webb (distinguished graduate).

81st Dental Squadron — Senior Airman Melissa Blake and Alonda Foster.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Katherine Gonzalez; Staff Sgt. Courtney Bush.

81st Mission Support Group — Senior Airman Robert Gaines.
81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Tiffany Simmons.

81st Supply Squadron — Senior Airmen Romanuel Carter and Roshunda Jones.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Sarah Pines, John Turner and Vimari Tynes.

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airman Sean Smedley (academic award, leadership award and distinguished graduate).

81st Transportation Squadron — Senior Airman Jamelia Butler.

338th Training Squadron — Senior Airman Stephen Langdon.

Georgia Air National Guard — Senior Airman Kisher Bland and Charles Brown.

Guam Air National Guard — Senior Airman William Delmundo.

Hawaii Air National Guard — Senior Airmen Brandon Baniaga, Renee Pecpec and Francine Quitugua.

Missouri Air National Guard — Senior Airman Philip Allen.

Ohio Air National Guard — Senior Airmen Jody Canapp (John Levitow Award and distinguished graduate) and Christopher Young.

First Term Airmen Center Class 5-15

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Airman 1st Class Barbie Brown.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Airmen Ashley Axson and Miranda Torrence; Airman 1st Class Lavardus Johnson.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Airmen Cenoe Heminger and Kyle Massey; Airman 1st Class Marvin Abraham III.

81st Training Wing — Airman Basic Heather Littleton.

338th Training Squadron — Airman 1st Class Nicholas Gullivan.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Arthur Arce, Joseph Brennan, Samir Elgindi, Joe Garcia, Christopher Gibson, Charles Gonzalez, Jared Innerarity, Justin Lane, Lance Martin, Karla Priest, Lucas Rolf, James Spevack and Jeffrey Winchell; Pvt. William Rosenoff; Airmen Michael Barnhart, William Billings, Flint Gilly, Wayne Grimm, Zackery Hitchcox, Jeffrey Stevens, David Wilkerson and Michael Wingate; Airmen 1st Class Eric Andrade, Michael Baba, Julius Castillo, Edward Goehe, Robert Harris, Darius Hayes, Brian Kahmke, William Kammerer, Dustin Lee, David Malon, Thomas Morgan, Kurt Neely and Dean Redd; Senior Airmen John Albin, Jeremy Armstrong, Christopher Ferguson, Matthew Hayes, Tristan Hook, Daniel Hubbard, Otis Hurst and Christopher Tenney; Sgt. Shaikhan Al Subhi; Staff Sgts. Brandon Alexander Jason Hutchinson and Timothy Willis; Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Maxie Walker; Warrant Officer 2nd Class Mahmood AlRahbi; Master Sgts. Robert Donath and Ahmad Latayfeh.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airman Basic Justin Fox; Airman 1st Class Julian Stanley, Arturo Visarraga; Senior Airmen Justin Labato and Erwin Jocson; Staff Sgts. Matthew Blodgett and Daniel Folyer; William Seagroves.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Chadwick Boles, Nicholas Booker, Christopher Boren, Jonathan Colvin, Andrew Dickey, David Hauseman, Tanner Her-ring, Joshua Mattert, Tino Redhouse, Michael Rodriguez, Brandon Roth, Justin Shank, Stephen Spitzmiller and Evan Wetherby; Airmen Dane Geiger, Schyler Peck and Michael Weiss; Airmen

CHAPEL SERVICES

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.
 For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
 Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
 Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
 Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
 Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Joy night concerts — 7 p.m. Fridays featuring the inspirational gospel service choir.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
 Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
 Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
 Triangle Chapel10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
 Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
 Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Tagalog worship

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, rosary; 5:45 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena; 6 p.m. Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-3887.

1st Class Joshua Breeden, George Brown, Andrea Calderon, Russell Ellersick, Sarah Hudson, Joshua Hollenbeck, Jonathan Lacy, Jesse Petersen, Anthony Riggs and John Whitsitt; Senior Airmen Cecil Gilbreath and James Mashaw; Staff Sgts. Schuka Hartsfield, Chad Rosendale and Matthew Sizemore.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Gilberto Martinez; Airman 1st Class Stephen Blevins; Senior Airmen Eric Harcar and Catherine Martinez; Staff Sgts. James Burgess, Michelle Clark, Jesse Genier, Heather Halverson, Amber Mellen, Michele Ordway, Lupersio Perez, Jennifer Porter and Kelly Whiteaker; Tech. Sgt. Denise Zamarron; Master Sgt. Georgina Capulong.

338th TRS

Radar systems flight — Senior Airmen Jason Jones.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

Through Friday — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

"Urgent" after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; pediatric clinic, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-F — Aug. 15-Sept. 20.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-15 — graduation July 28.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-6 — Aug. 1-Sept. 8.

Chapel

Book of Romans adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

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McBride Library

Vacation time — new travel guides on display; books on compact disc available for checkout.

Library services — free Internet use; copies 10 cents a page; copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax, first page \$3, each additional page \$2, local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

Orientations/volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Ceramic painting technique — ongoing signups; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

Beginner framing — next class begins Tuesday.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday; \$15 including supplies. Beginner class is prerequisite.

End-of-summer-camp jamboree — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday; free refreshments and awards.

Air Force Artist/Craftsman Contest youth division — ages 17 and younger; two categories; entry deadline Aug. 11. For more information, call 377-2821.

Multi-craft shop — enter scrapbook layout contest and be eligible for prize.

Woodshop special — build bird feeder, bird house or squirrel feeder with your child; \$5 including shop use.

Auto shop — air conditioning checks available.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

Pre-separation counseling — required by law for individuals leaving the military no less than 90 calendar days before separation or retirement date. Individuals with orders can attend the briefing on Thursdays in Room 130, Sablich Center, excluding the week of the transition assistance program workshop, at 1 p.m. for those separating or 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Bring a copy of orders to the session.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Youth and adult guitar lessons — half-hour lessons 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$55 month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up a coloring/activity sheet and submit entry no later than 4 p.m. Saturday.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming available 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in July show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18; \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12; \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

Junior Smooth Moves relocation workshop — 6-7 p.m. today, ages 6-12. To register, call 377-2179.

Youth employment skills program — for high school Air Force dependents; volunteer and earn grant money for college. For more information, call 377-4116.

Summer youth volunteers — for information call 377-4116.

Before- and after-school care program — registrations being accepted for children in grades K-6.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older; \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Keesler Club

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Taco bar Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish last working day of each week. Daily specials also available.

Wednesday special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; progressive pot cash giveaway for members Wednesdays.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Aquarium of the Americas/IMAX New Orleans — Aug. 14; \$40 adults, \$33 ages 2-12. Sign up by Aug. 10.

Louisiana swamp/plantation trip — Aug. 20; \$99 adults, \$75 ages 4-12, including lunch and admission. Sign up by Aug. 16.

New Orleans Saints football in Superdome — \$45 per person. Aug. 12, Seattle Seahawks; sign up by Aug. 9. Aug. 26, Baltimore Ravens; sign up by Aug. 23.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kurt Quist, 326-4775, kurt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O'Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almondeine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — chili macaroni, cornbread, beef canelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — teriyakii chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

Dinner — barbecue ham steak, baked turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff, noodles, jalapeno corn bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, calico corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capt. Branimir Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <http://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Caravan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Girl Scout Troop 148 — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 388-4900.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Tobacco cessation — next class starts Wednesday; health and wellness center, noon or 5 p.m. sessions. For more information, call 377-5305

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-5791; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Durrell Edwards, 377-2520.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orsine, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS

August weather outlook

August weather is similar to July's, but there's an increased threat of hurricanes. Any hurricane that forms in the Gulf of Mexico must be considered a threat to Keesler and slowly watched to ensure that adequate and timely protective measures are taken.

Extreme maximum temperature (F).....106

Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....90

Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....75

Extreme minimum temperature (F).....62

Mean relative humidity (percent).....76

Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....6.33

Mean number of days with precipitation.....12

Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....14

Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....7.77

Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:

2,000 feet.....3.0

1,000 feet.....0.6

300 feet.....0.0

Percentage of observations with visibility less than:

6 miles.....20.6

3 miles.....1.9

1 mile.....0.2

Percentage of observations with wind:

0-3 knots.....47.5

4-10 knots.....48.3

11-21 knots.....4.1

22 knots or greater.....0.1

Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:01	:31
:02	:32
:03	:33
:04	:34
:05	:35
:06	:36
:07	:37
:08	:38
:09	:39
:10	:40
:11	:41
:12	:42
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:16	:46
:17	:47
:18	:48
:19	:49
	332nd TRS, Building 6955
	338th TRS, Building 6965
	Welch Auditorium
	Smith Manor
	Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
	Supply
	Shoppette
	Shaw House
	Main exchange
	McBride Library
	Medical center, Tyer House
	Sablich Center
	Dental clinic
	Allee and Wolfe Halls
	Base operations
	Hangar 4
	Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30
:02	:32
:04	:34
:05	:35
:06	:36
:07	:37
:08	:38
:09	:39
:10	:40
:13	:43
:14	:44
:15	:45
:17	:47
:18	:48
	332nd TRS, Building 6955
	Shoppette
	White Avenue Gate
	Shaw House
	Main exchange
	Keesler Federal Credit Union
	Medical center, Tyer House
	Sablich Center
	Dental clinic
	Marina park
	Bay Breeze Golf Course
	Pass Road Gate
	Welch Auditorium
	338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	:30
:12	:32
As required	:33
:14	:34
:16	:36
:17	:37
:18	:38
:20	:40
:26	:46
:27	:47
:28	:48
:30	:50
	Shaw House
	Muse Manor
	Tyer House
	TLQ east side 2000 block
	TLQ east side of Locker House
	332nd TRS
	335th TRS
	Welch Auditorium
	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
	McClelland Hall
	Allee/Wolfe Halls
	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingham Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.